

REMARKS:

In the foregoing amendments, claim 27 was amended to correct an editorial error, and 36-38 were canceled. Claims 1-17 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 18-35 remain in the application for consideration, which claims were allowed in the outstanding Office action. A formal allowance of claims 18-35 is respectfully requested.

The amendment to dependent claim 27 changes its dependency from claim 24 to claim 26. This change was suggested in the objection to claim 27 that was set forth on page 2 of the Official action. Since the claim was amended as suggested in the outstanding Office action, applicant respectfully request that the objection thereto be withdrawn.

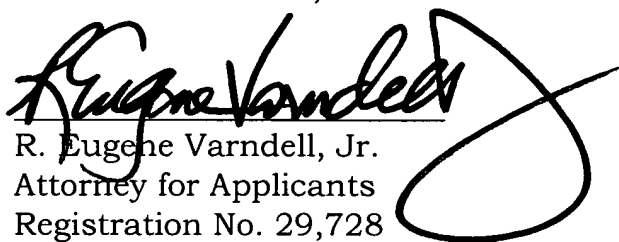
Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments to the claims be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116 for the purposes of placing the application in condition for allowance or for the purposes of appeal. A main reason for entry of the foregoing amendments is that they place the present application in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, a formal allowance of all pending claims 18-35 is respectfully requested. The preceding is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Official action mailed September 15, 2005. While it is believed that all the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully

requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which become due, may be charged to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,
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